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12	Coordinated Proceeding:	JCCP Case No. 4666
13	This Document Relates to:	
14		[PROPOSED] MODIFIED CONSENT JUDGMENT
15	ANTHONY E. HELD, Ph.D., P.E.,	(Marin County Case No. CIV 093325)
16	Plaintiff,	
10	V.	Health & Safety Code § 25249.6
18	RUBIES COSTUME COMPANY, INC.; and DOES 1-150, inclusive,	
19	Defendants.	
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INTRODUCTION

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Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. and Rubies Costume Company, Inc.

This Modified Consent Judgment ("Modified Consent Judgment") is entered into by and between Anthony E. Held, Ph.D., P.E. (hereinafter "Plaintiff" or "Dr. Held") and Rubies Costume Company, Inc. (hereinafter "Rubies Costume" or "Settling Defendant"), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

1.2 Plaintiff

Dr. Held is an individual residing in California who seeks to promote awareness of exposures to toxic chemicals and improve human health by reducing or eliminating hazardous substances contained in consumer products.

1.3 Rubies Costume

Settling Defendant employs ten or more persons and is a person in the course of doing business for purposes of the Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 *et seq.* ("Proposition 65"). Settling Defendant manufactures, distributes, and/or sells "Products" as defined in Section 1.5 below.

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General Allegations

Dr. Held alleges that Settling Defendant has manufactured, distributed and/or sold in the State of California Products containing: di(2 ethylhexyl)phthalate ("DEHP"); di-n-butyl phthalate ("DBP"); arsenic (inorganic arsenic compounds and inorganic oxides); cadmium and/or cadmium compounds ("cadmium"); lead and/or lead compounds ("lead"); and/or formaldehyde (gas), each of which are listed pursuant to Proposition 65, as chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and/or other reproductive harm. DEHP, DBP, arsenic and/or arsenic compounds, cadmium, lead, and formaldehyde (gas) are referred to herein as the "Listed Chemicals."

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1.5 **Product Description**

The products that are covered by this Modified Consent Judgment are made of fabrics, plastic,
metal, rubber and leather, and are defined as follows: (a) Halloween costumes; (b) Halloween
costume accessories, specifically wigs, masks, gloves, footwear, belts, bags, hats, costume props,
hosiery, weapons and jewelry intended to accessorize a costume (but excluding makeup); and (c)

Halloween indoor and outdoor home décor and games, specifically Halloween candy bowls, lawn, wall, door and table ornaments, decorative spiders/webs, ghosts, witches, goblins, skeletons, bats, cats and tombstones, each of which contains one or more of the Listed Chemicals. All such items shall be collectively referred to herein as the "Products." For purposes of the listed chemical formaldehyde (gas) only, the term "Products" is limited to Products made of fabrics or textiles. The Products and Listed Chemicals applicable to Settling Defendant are limited to those Products sold by Settling Defendant in California.

Jewelry (as defined in Health & Safety Code §§ 25214.1 *et seq.*) intended to accessorize a costume allegedly containing lead and/or cadmium that would otherwise be a Product covered by this Modified Consent Judgment but which is the subject of a separate third-party 60-Day Notice issued to Settling Defendant pursuant to Proposition 65 on or before August 1, 2011, including, but not limited to, the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH") notices to Settling Defendant dated November 20, 2008 alleging lead in jewelry, and December 9, 2010 alleging cadmium in jewelry, is specifically excluded from this Modified Consent Judgment and from the defined term Products, except for Settling Defendant's agreement to reformulate lead and/or cadmium in jewelry as set forth in Section 2.1 below.

Should any such third-party notices to Settling Defendant alleging lead and/or cadmium in jewelry ultimately be found to be legally insufficient, or should a court of competent jurisdiction enter judgment against a third-party in any case brought based on such third-party notices, or otherwise dismiss a case brought upon such third-party notices, all of Settling Defendant's jewelry that allegedly contains lead and/or cadmium intended to accessorize a costume shall thereafter be deemed to be included for all purposes within the defined term Products following the expiration of any supplemental 60-day notice covering alleged lead and/or cadmium in such jewelry issued by Plaintiff pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 3.3 below provided that no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the allegations contained in the supplemental notice.

Jewelry intended to accessorize a costume containing Listed Chemicals hereunder other than lead and/or cadmium is a Product covered under this Consent Judgment to the extent of any Listed Chemicals other than lead and/or cadmium without resort to the supplemental notice procedure set

forth in Section 3.3.

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1.6 **Procedural Background and Posture**

On January 26, 2009, Dr. Held served Rubies Costume and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "60-Day Notice of Violation" alleging that Rubies Costume was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers and customers that children's costumes with vinyl components containing DEHP exposed users in California to DEHP.

On June 30, 2009, Dr. Held served Rubies Costume and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation" alleging that Rubies Costume was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers and customers that children's costumes with vinyl components, children's costumes with inflatable vinyl components, children's gloves with vinyl components, and vinyl balls exposed users in California to DEHP.

On July 2, 2009, Dr. Held, who was and is acting in the interest of the general public in California, filed a complaint in the Marin County Superior Court, naming Rubies Costume as a defendant and alleging violations of Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 based on the allegations contained in the January 26, 2009 Notice related to exposures to DEHP contained in the children's costumes with vinyl components manufactured, distributed, and/or offered for sale in California by Rubies Costume ("Complaint").

On September 22, 2009, Held and Rubies Costume entered into a [Proposed] Consent Judgment, which settled the allegations contained in the January 26, 2009 and June 30, 2009 Notices. The Court approved the Consent Judgment on December 10, 2009, and, pursuant to the terms of the Consent Judgment, amended the Complaint *nunc pro tunc* to include allegations with respect to the products covered by the Consent Judgment.

On October 29, 2010, Dr. Held served Rubies Costume and various public enforcement agencies with a document entitled "Second Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation" alleging that Rubies Costume was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers and customers that Halloween costumes and Halloween accessories exposed users in California to DEHP, lead, antimony, arsenic, cadmium, chromium, mercury, selenium, and formaldehyde.

On or about September 20, 2011, Dr. Held served Rubies Costume and various public enforcers with an "Amended Second Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation" that formally amended the Second Supplemental 60-Day Notice of Violation, and allegedthat Rubies Costume was in violation of California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 for failing to warn consumers that certain Products, as defined in Section 1.5, exposed users in California to the Listed Chemicals.

Provided that no public enforcer has commenced and is diligently prosecuting the allegations contained in the Amended Second Supplemental 60-Day Notice served on or about September 20, 2011, the Complaint shall be deemed amended to include the allegations contained in the Amended Second Supplemental Notice.

1.7 No Admission

Nothing in this Modified Consent Judgment is or shall be construed as an admission by Settling Defendant of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law or violation of law, nor shall compliance with the Modified Consent Judgment constitute or be construed as an admission by Settling Defendant of any fact, conclusion of law, issue of law, or violation of law. Nothing in this Modified Consent Judgment shall prejudice, waive or impair any right, remedy, argument or defense Settling Defendant may have in any other legal proceeding. This Modified Consent Judgment is the product of negotiation and compromise and is accepted by the parties for purposes of settling, compromising and resolving issues disputed in this Action.

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1.8 Consent to Jurisdiction

For purposes of this Modified Consent Judgment only, Settling Defendant stipulates that this
Court has jurisdiction over it as to the allegations contained in the Complaint, that venue is proper in
the County of Alameda, and that the Court has jurisdiction to enter and enforce the provisions of this
Modified Consent Judgment. Also for purposes of this Modified Consent Judgment only, Settling
Defendant waives the statute of limitations on Plaintiff's claims in the Notices, the captioned Action,
and with respect to any claims incorporated pursuant to any supplemental notices issued under
Section 3.3.

1.9 Effective Date

For purposes of this Modified Consent Judgment, the term "Effective Date" shall mean the date 30 days after the date on which this Modified Consent Judgment is entered by the Court as to Settling Defendant.

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INJUNCTIVE RELIEF: REFORMULATION

2.1 Reformulation Commitment

After the Effective Date, Settling Defendant shall only ship Products for sale in California that are "reformulated" as set forth below. For purposes of this Modified Consent Judgment, "reformulated" shall mean that every accessible material and component that can be mouthed, handled or touched ("Accessible Component") shall yield, pursuant to the test methodology specified below, a result that is less than or equal to the following content limits, by weight, for the chemicals identified in Table 2.1:

Table 2.1

Chemical	Limit	
Arsenic	25 ppm*	
Cadmium	75 ppm* (except see below for components of Products intended for children under twelve that can be placed in a child's mouth)	
BBP	1,000 ppm**	
DBP	1,000 ppm**	
DEHP	1,000 ppm**	
Formaldehyde	• For Products intended for children under three (3), 20 ppm;	
	• For Products intended for children three (3) and up, and/or for adults, 75 ppm	
Lead	• 90 ppm for all paint and surface coatings for all adult or children's products (16 CFR § 1303 <i>et seq.</i>)	
	• 100 ppm for any materials that are neither paint nor surface coating in children's products (as such term is defined by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008)	
	• 300 ppm for any materials that are neither paint nor surface coating in all other non-children's products	

In order to determine whether the Products contain less than the reformulated standard above, Settling Defendant may only utilize testing methodologies and definitions allowed by the State of California Environmental Protection Agency or by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission pursuant to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 ("CPSIA"), including Section 106 of the CPSIA for those chemical limits noted with a "*" in Table 2.1 above, and Section 108 for the chemical limits noted with a "**" in Table 2.1 above. For components of Products designed for Children under twelve (12) that can be placed in a child's mouth, rather than meeting the standard set forth for cadmium in Table 2.1 above, such components may only contain equal to or less than 300 ppm total cadmium and must also contain no intentionally added cadmium.

For any Products that are or contain jewelry, the jewelry or jewelry component shall also meet the lead limits set forth in Health & Safety Code § 25214.1 *et seq.* for jewelry as defined therein (California's lead in jewelry law), and the lead limits set forth in the Consent Judgment to which the California Attorney General is a party that was entered by the Court in *People v. Burlington Coat Factory, et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG04162075 (a case that is a part of JCCP 4666) for jewelry as defined therein (and any amendments thereto). Any Products that are or contain jewelry (whether intended for adults or children) shall also meet the children's cadmium standards set forth in Health & Safety Code § 25249.1 *et seq.* pursuant to the test protocols set forth therein.

Settling Defendant expressly agrees to be bound by the reformulation requirements of this Modified Consent Judgment for any and all Products identified on Exhibit A hereto as of the Effective Date, including for lead and/or cadmium in any and all jewelry that is subject to exclusion from the definition of Products due to a third-party 60-day notice as set forth in Section 1.5 of this Modified Consent Judgment.

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2.2 Further Modification of Reformulation Standards

If the State of California has adopted (or will adopt after the Effective Date) a more protective standard than the content levels now listed in Section 2.1 above – either by statute, regulation, or judgment entered into by the California Attorney General on behalf of the People of the State of California – then such standard shall automatically supersede the levels listed in Section 2.1.

In addition, Plaintiff may, after giving 30 days' notice to Rubies Costume, move the Court to

1 further modify the reformulation standards in Section 2.1 if facts exist that demonstrate that the 2 current levels set are insufficient to reduce reasonably anticipated exposures to the Listed Chemicals 3 below that hazard level which would require a warning obligation under the Safe Drinking Water and 4 Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, California Health & Safety Code § 25249.6. If Plaintiff seeks to 5 further modify this Modified Consent Judgment to lower the permissible content levels of one or 6 more Listed Chemicals, Rubies Costume shall reimburse Dr. Held and his counsel for a portion of 7 their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, up to an amount of \$5,000, to be paid by Rubies Costume 8 within fourteen days of approval of such modification. The foregoing does not in any way limit 9 Rubies Costume's rights to oppose any such modification or the Court's discretion to deny a motion 10 by Dr. Held to modify the Modified Consent Judgment, but the burden of opposing such modification 11 shall remain with Rubies Costume consistent with Health & Safety Code § 25249.10(c). Should such 12 a modification be denied, Rubies Costume shall not be required to pay any of Plaintiff's attorneys' 13 fees and costs associated with seeking such modification.

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3. <u>RUBIES COSTUME'S MONETARY PAYMENTS</u>

3.1 Payments by Rubies Costume Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b).

In settlement of all claims related to the Products and Listed Chemicals referred to in the Complaint and this Modified Consent Judgment, pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(b), Rubies Costume, which has already paid \$4,000 in civil penalties, shall pay an additional \$6,000 in civil penalties. Civil penalties are to be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c) & (d), with 75% of these funds remitted to the State of California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment ("OEHHA") and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Dr. Held.

3.2 Rubies Costume's Payment of Attorney Fees and Costs.

Rubies Costume, which has already reimbursed Dr. Held and his counsel a total of \$24,000 for fees and costs, agrees to pay an additional amount of \$34,000 in fees and costs incurred as a result of Plaintiff investigating, bringing this matter to Rubies Costume's attention, and litigating and negotiating a settlement in the public interest.

1 3.3 Settling Defendant, whose jewelry products allegedly contain lead and/or cadmium 2 that are initially excluded from the definition of Products pursuant to Section 1.5, may later add those 3 jewelry products allegedly containing lead and/or cadmium to the Products covered by this Modified 4 Consent Judgment consistent with the disposition of any third-party notices or enforcement actions 5 based thereon as set forth in Section 1.5, and Plaintiff agrees to issue a supplemental 60-day notice in 6 compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements to cover lead and/or cadmium in such 7 jewelry products hereunder consistent with Section 1.5. Settling Defendant shall cooperate with 8 Plaintiff in providing additional information or representations necessary to enable Plaintiff to issue 9 any such supplemental 60-Day Notice(s) and Certificate(s) of Merit, and in preparing the papers 10 necessary file an amendment to this consent judgment to incorporate lead and/or cadmium in jewelry 11 as included within the defined term "Product" hereunder subject to a full release for lead and/or 12 cadmium under Sections 4.1.1-4.1.5 of this Consent Judgment. Plaintiff shall submit an application 13 to the Court for entry of such modification of this Consent Judgment.

3.4 Payment Instructions. All settlement payments required by this Consent Judgment shall be paid as follows:

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16 **3.4.1** Civil Penalties: Civil Penalties paid under this Modified Consent Judgment 17 shall be apportioned in accordance with California Health & Safety Code § 25249.12(c) & (d), with 18 75% of these funds remitted to OEHHA and the remaining 25% of the penalty remitted to Plaintiff. 19 Each Settling Defendant shall issue two separate checks for the penalty payment: (a) one check made 20 payable to "The Chanler Group in Trust For OEHHA" in an amount representing 75% of the total 21 penalty; and (b) one check to "The Chanler Group in Trust For Anthony Held" in an amount 22 representing the remaining 25% of the total penalty. Two separate 1099s shall be issued for the 23 above payments, including those payments already made by Rubies Costume: (a) OEHHA, P.O. Box 24 4010, Sacramento, CA, 95814 (EIN: 68-0284486); and (b) Anthony Held. The information required 25 to issue the 1099s for Plaintiff shall be provided five calendar days before the payment is due.

26 3.4.2 Attorneys' Fees: Attorneys' fees shall be paid by means of a check made
27 payable to "The Chanler Group."

1 **3.4.3** Timing of Rubies Costume's Payments: All funds payable by Rubies 2 Costume under Sections 3.1 and 3.2 were paid on September 20, 2011. 3 **3.4.4** Payment Delivery: All settlement payments required by this Consent 4 Judgment shall be sent to the following address: 5 The Chanler Group Attn: Proposition 65 Controller 6 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza. Suite 214 7 Berkeley, CA 94710 8 4. **RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS** 9 4.1 Dr. Held's Release of Rubies Costume 10 **4.1.1** This Modified Consent Judgment is a full, final, and binding resolution 11 between Plaintiff, on behalf of himself and in the public interest, and Settling Defendant, its parents, 12 subsidiaries, and affiliated entities that are under common ownership, directors, officers, employees, 13 and attorneys ("Defendant Releasees"), and each entity to whom they directly or indirectly distribute 14 or sell Products, including but not limited to distributors, wholesalers, customers, retailers, 15 franchisees, cooperative members, licensors, and licensees ("Downstream Defendant Releasees") of 16 any violation of Proposition 65 that was or could have been asserted in the Complaint against Settling 17 Defendant, Defendant Releasees, and Downstream Defendant Releasees, based on failure to warn 18 about alleged exposure to Listed Chemicals contained in the Products that were sold by Settling 19 Defendant prior to the Effective Date. Rubies Costume's affiliates, subsidiaries, and related entities 20 who are not parties to this Consent Judgment are excluded from the definition of Defendant 21 Releasees and Downstream Defendant Releasees and shall not be covered or released by any portion 22 of this Consent Judgment. 23 **4.1.2** In further consideration of the promises and agreements herein contained, the 24 injunctive relief commitments set forth in Section 2, and for the payments to be made pursuant to 25 Section 3, Plaintiff on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, attorneys, 26 successors, and/or assignees, and in the interest of the general public, hereby waives all rights to 27 institute or participate in, directly or indirectly, any form of legal action, and releases all claims,

28 including, without limitation, all actions, and causes of action, in law or in equity, suits, liabilities,

demands, obligations, damages, costs, fines, penalties, losses, or expenses (including, but not limited to, investigation fees, expert fees, and attorneys' fees) of any nature whatsoever (collectively "claims"), against Settling Defendant, each of its Defendant Releasees, and each of its Downstream Defendant Releasees. This release is limited to those claims that arise under Proposition 65 with respect to Listed Chemicals in the Products manufactured, distributed or sold by the Settling Defendant, as such claims relate to the alleged failure to warn under Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 as to the Listed Chemicals in such Products.

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8 **4.1.3** Plaintiff also, in his individual capacity only and *not* in his representative 9 capacity, provides a release herein on behalf of himself, his past and current agents, representatives, 10 attorneys, successors, and/or assignees, which shall be effective as a full and final accord and 11 satisfaction, and as a bar to all actions, causes of action, obligations, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, 12 damages, losses, claims, liabilities and demands of any nature, character or kind, known or unknown, 13 suspected or unsuspected, arising out of alleged or actual exposure to the Listed Chemicals in the 14 Products manufactured, distributed or sold by Settling Defendant, each of its Defendant Releasees, 15 and, to the extent sold by any of them, each of its Downstream Defendant Releasees, whether or not 16 such Products are or contain jewelry allegedly containing lead and/or cadmium that is excluded from 17 the definition of Products as defined in Section 1.5 above. In exchange for this release, Settling 18 Defendant expressly agrees to be bound by the reformulation requirements of this Modified Consent 19 Judgment for Products that are or contain jewelry allegedly containing lead and/or cadmium as of the 20 Effective Date, whether or not any such jewelry is otherwise subject to exclusion from the definition 21 of Products due to a third-party 60-day notice as set forth in Section 1.5 of this Consent Judgment.

4.1.4 Compliance with the terms of this Modified Consent Judgment by SettlingDefendant constitutes compliance with Proposition 65 with respect to Listed Chemicals in SettlingDefendant's Products. Only Parties to this Modified Consent Judgment may enforce its terms.

4.1.5 Nothing in this Section 4 affects Plaintiff's right to commence or prosecute an
action under Proposition 65 against any person other than Settling Defendant, Defendant Releasees,
or Downstream Defendant Releasees.

4.1.6 Nothing in this Section 4 affects Plaintiff's right to commence or prosecute an action under Proposition 65 against a Downstream Defendant Releasee that does not involve Settling Defendant's Products.

4.2 Settling Defendant's Release of Dr. Held

Settling Defendant waives any and all claims against Dr. Held, his attorneys and other representatives, for any and all actions taken or statements made (or those that could have been taken or made) by Dr. Held and his attorneys and other representatives, whether in the course of investigating claims or otherwise seeking enforcement of Proposition 65 against Settling Defendant in this matter, and/or with respect to the Products.

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COURT APPROVAL

5.1 The Parties acknowledge that, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7, a noticed motion is required to obtain judicial approval of this Modified Consent Judgment, and shall file a joint motion for approval. Rubies Costume shall prepare and provide to Held the initial draft 14 joint motion and all required approval documents on or before October 1, 2011. If this Modified Consent Judgment is not approved by the Court within one year, the Parties shall meet and confer to determine whether to modify the terms of the Modified Consent Judgment and to resubmit it for approval. Rubies Costume and its counsel agree to support Held's effort to obtain final entry of this 18 Modified Consent Judgment by the trial court and to undertake any actions reasonably necessary to implement and/or modify this Modified Consent Judgment in order to further the mutual intention of the Parties in entering into this Modified Consent Judgment.

5.2 If this Modified Consent Judgment is not entered by the Court as to Rubies Costume within one year, it shall be of no force or effect as to Rubies Costume and shall never be introduced into evidence or otherwise used in any proceeding for any purpose other than to determine the rights 24 or obligations of a Party as a result of the fact that the Modified Consent Judgment was not approved. 25 In the event this Modified Consent Judgment is not approved, Plaintiff shall refund the monies paid by Rubies Costume within 15 days of the written request of Rubies Costume, provided that Rubies Costume first complies with the obligations set forth in Section 5.1 above.

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GOVERNING LAW

The terms of this Modified Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and apply within the State of California. In the event that Proposition 65 is repealed, 4 preempted or is otherwise rendered inapplicable by reason of law generally, or as to the Products, Settling Defendant may provide written notice to Dr. Held of any asserted change in the law, and shall have no further obligations pursuant to this Modified Consent Judgment with respect to, and to the extent that, the Products are so affected. Nothing in this Modified Consent Judgment shall be interpreted to relieve Settling Defendant from any obligation to comply with any pertinent state or federal toxics control laws.

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COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE SIGNATURES

This Modified Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by facsimile or portable document format (.pdf), each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, when taken together, shall constitute one and the same document.

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COMPLIANCE WITH HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 25249.7(f)

Dr. Held agrees to comply with reporting form requirements referenced in California Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(f) to the extent that they apply to this modification.

9. NOTICES

When any Party is entitled to receive any notice under this Modified Consent Judgment, the notice shall be sent by certified mail or electronic mail to the following:

- 20 For Rubies Costume: 21 J. Robert Maxwell Rogers Joseph O'Donnell 22 311 California Street, 10th floor San Francisco, CA 94104 23 E-mail: jrm@rjo.com 24 For Dr. Held: 25 Proposition 65 Coordinator
- The Chanler Group 26 2560 Ninth Street Parker Plaza, Suite 214
- 27 Berkeley, CA 94710-2565

The Parties may modify the person and address to whom the notice is to be sent by sending the other Party notice by certified mail and/or other verifiable form of written communication.

10. MODIFICATION

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Except as set forth in Section 2.2 relating to the reformulation standards, this Modified Consent Judgment may be modified or amended only: (1) by written agreement of the Parties and upon entry of a Stipulation and Order by the court thereon; or (2) upon a successful motion or application of any party which motion or application shall not be unreasonably opposed unless a material term affecting the opposing party is at issue.

11. <u>ATTORNEYS' FEES</u>

Except as otherwise provided in this Modified Consent Judgment, each Party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

12. <u>OTHER TERMS</u>

12.1 The terms of this Modified Consent Judgment shall be governed by the laws of theState of California.

12.2 This Modified Consent Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon Plaintiff and Settling Defendant, and their respective divisions, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, and the successors or assigns of any of them.

18 This Modified Consent Judgment contains the sole and entire agreement and 12.3 19 understanding of the Parties with respect to the entire subject matter set forth in this Modified 20 Consent Judgment, and any and all prior discussions, negotiations, commitments, or understandings 21 related thereto, if any, are deemed merged. No representations, oral or otherwise, express or 22 implied, other than those specifically referred to in this Modified Consent Judgment have been 23 made by any Party with respect to the subject matter of this Modified Consent Judgment. No other 24 agreements not specifically contained or referenced in this Modified Consent Judgment, oral or 25 otherwise, shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the Parties with respect to the subject matter of 26 this Modified Consent Judgment. No supplementation, modification, waiver, or termination of this 27 Modified Consent Judgment shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party to be bound. 28 No waiver of any of the provisions of this Modified Consent Judgment shall be deemed or shall

constitute a waiver of any of the other provisions whether or not similar, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

12.4 Nothing in this Modified Consent Judgment shall release, or in any way affect any rights that Settling Defendant might have against any other party.

12.5 This Modified Consent Judgment may be executed in counterparts and by means of facsimile or portable document format (.pdf), which taken together shall be deemed to constitute one document.

12.6 The Parties, including their counsel, have participated in the preparation of this Modified Consent Judgment and this Modified Consent Judgment is the result of the joint efforts of the Parties. This Modified Consent Judgment was subject to revision and modification by the Parties and has been accepted and approved as to its final form by all Parties and their counsel. Accordingly, any uncertainty or ambiguity existing in this Modified Consent Judgment shall not be interpreted against any Party as a result of the manner of the preparation of this Modified Consent Judgment. Each Party to this Modified Consent Judgment agrees that any statute or rule of construction providing that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party should not be employed in the interpretation of this Modified Consent Judgment and, in this regard, the Parties hereby waive California Civil Code Section 1654.

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13. <u>AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE</u>

Each signatory to this Modified Consent Judgment certifies that he or she is fully authorized by the Party he or she represents to stipulate to this Modified Consent Judgment and to enter into and execute the Modified Consent Judgment on behalf of the Party represented and to legally bind that Party.

AGREED TO: APPROVED **AGREED TO:** By Anthony Held at 11:30 am, Nov 03, 2011 NUV 1, 2011 Date: Date: By:__ By: ANTHONY E/HELD, Ph.D., P.E. Marc Beige, President ORDER COMPANY, INC. IT IS SO ORDERED. Date: JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

[PROPOSED] MODIFIED CONSENT JUDGMENT